

WV Small Business Person of the Year

Arria Hines – Allegheny Science & Technology Corp.

Nominated by: Deana Dean, i-79 Development Council

The U.S. Small Business Administration's West Virginia District Director, Karen Friel is excited to announce Arria Hines, President and CEO of Allegheny Science & Technology (AST), as the SBA West Virginia 2016 Small Business Person of the Year. Hines was nominated for the award by Deana Dean, President of the i-79 Development Council.

Arria Hines is the President and CEO of Allegheny Science & Technology (AST). Her professional career has taken many turns on the entrepreneurial pathway to co-founding AST. Arria earned a B.S. in Accounting from WV Wesleyan College and an MBA from West Virginia University.

She is an entrepreneur at heart, starting her first small business, Windows by Arria, in the basement of her home in 1989. Her program management career began with her role as project manager for the construction of an Arnold Palmer-designed 18-hole golf course. This leadership role led to her next opportunity as a key strategic contributor at SAIC as the Director of Programs, where she provided oversight for an operation exceeding \$120 million in annual revenue.

From the personal challenges of working two jobs while raising three children, to the start of AST, Arria has grown personally and professional. She started as a two person company with one government contract, and grew to a company of over 175 employees and more than 20 federal government contracts in just six years.

AST is an 8(a) SBA certified, small disadvantaged, woman-owned management and technology solutions company offering solutions to federal and commercial clients in areas such as project management; financial analysis; software and systems engineering; as well as training and simulation; and specialized scientific, engineering, and technical support.

Arria knows the importance of giving back to the community. She supports a plethora of youth groups and local and national charities: including, United Way of Harrison County, Clarksburg Mission, American Heart Association, and the National Science Bowl.

SBA's West Virginia District Office celebrates Hines' award during an invite only luncheon at the Robert H. Mollohan Research Center in Fairmont, Wednesday, May 4 at 12:00 p.m. The awards luncheon is emceed by WBOY reporter Nick Farrell; attendance includes Senator Capito, Congressman McKinley, and Secretary Burdette. [Click here](#) for a list of the 2016 West Virginia District Small Business Week winners.